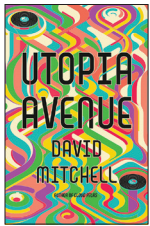




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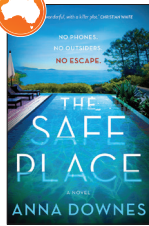
UTOPIA AVENUE
David Mitchell

Paperback
RRP \$32.99

14 July release

Utopia Avenue might be the most curious British band you've never

heard of. Emerging from London's psychedelic scene in 1967, the band produced only two albums in two years, yet their musical legacy lives on. This bewitching novel celebrates the power of music to connect across divides, define an era and thrill the soul. From the bestselling author of *Cloud Atlas* and *The Bone Clocks*.



THE SAFE PLACE
Anna Downes

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For struggling actress Emily Proudman, life in London is not working out as planned – in fact, it's falling apart. So when she is offered a live-in job working for a wealthy family on their luxurious coastal estate in France, she jumps at the opportunity.

But what at first appears to be a dream come true turns out to be a prison from which none of them can escape.



SEX AND VANITY
Kevin Kwan

Paperback
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The author of *Crazy Rich Asians* returns with the glittering tale of a young woman who finds herself torn between two men.

Moving between summer playgrounds of privilege, peppered with decadent food and extravagant fashion, *Sex and Vanity* is a truly modern love story, a daring homage to *A Room with a View*, and a brilliantly funny comedy of manners set between two cultures.

BOOK OF THE MONTH



A ROOM MADE OF LEAVES
Kate Grenville

Hardback RRP \$39.99

What if Elizabeth Macarthur—wife of the notorious John Macarthur, wool baron in the earliest days of Sydney—had written a shockingly frank secret memoir? And what if novelist Kate Grenville had miraculously found and published it? That's the starting point for *A Room Made of Leaves*, a playful dance of possibilities between the real and the invented.

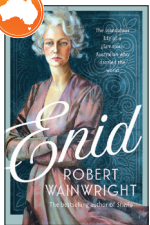
Marriage to a ruthless bully, the impulses of her heart, the search for power in a society that gave women none: this Elizabeth Macarthur manages her complicated life with spirit and passion, cunning and sly wit. Her memoir lets us hear—at last!—what one of those seemingly demure women from history might really have thought.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kate Grenville is one of Australia's most celebrated writers. Her international bestseller *The Secret River* was awarded local and overseas prizes. Grenville's other novels include *Sarah Thornhill*, *The Lieutenant*, *Dark Places* and the Orange Prize winner *The Idea of Perfection*. Her most recent books are two works of non-fiction, *One Life: My Mother's Story* and *The Case Against Fragrance*.



NON-FICTION

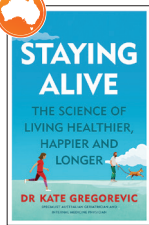


ENID
Robert Wainwright

Paperback
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From the bestselling author of *Sheila* comes the story of a bewitching

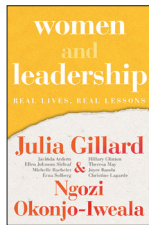
Australian who fascinated the world. In early twentieth-century society, when women were expected to be demure and obedient, Enid Lindeman waltzed through life to the beat of her own drum. From Sydney to New York, London to Paris and Cairo to Kenya, Robert Wainwright tells the fascinating story of a life lived large on the world stage.



STAYING ALIVE
Dr. Kate Gregorevic

Paperback
RRP \$34.99

In *Staying Alive* you'll discover the science on how you can avoid or manage the major diseases that impact us as we age, including heart health, diabetes and dementia, and boost your everyday behaviours to improve your enjoyment of life. Easy to understand and based on the latest research, this is the day-to-day lifestyle guide you need to benefit you now and into a long and healthy future.

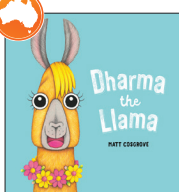


WOMEN AND LEADERSHIP: REAL LIVES, REAL LESSONS
Julia Gillard and Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

12 July release
Paperback
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An inspirational and practical book written by two high-achieving women, *Women and Leadership* examines what is different for women who lead. Featuring interviews with Jacinda Ardern, Hillary Clinton, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Theresa May and more.

CHILDREN'S & YA



DHARMA THE LLAMA
Matt Cosgrove

Hardback
RRP \$17.99

Dharma the Llama doesn't

run with the herd. She likes to do things her own way. The other llamas don't understand why she's always reading. But when the herd get into trouble, can Dharma's books save the day? **Age: 3+**



THE SECRET CAVE: WOLF GIRL, BOOK 3
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Gwen has been searching for her family for a long time. Just when she feels she is close, the soldiers following her start to close in. Then one of her dogs is injured, and the gang must slow down...

Who can Gwen trust? And how will she keep her pack safe from dangerous enemies? **Age: 8+**



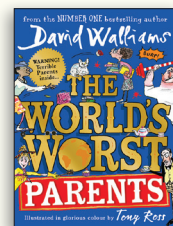
THE LOST SOUL ATLAS
Zana Fraillon

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14 July release
A powerful story of hope and friendship from

the award-winning author of *The Bone Sparrow*. Loyalty is tested, and a cruel twist of fate leads to an act of ultimate betrayal in this epic story that spans a city, a decade, and the divide between life and death itself. **Age: 12+**

KIDS PICK



THE WORLD'S WORST PARENTS
David Walliams & Tony Ross (Illus)

Paperback RRP \$24.99

Are you ready to meet the worst parents ever?

Sure, some parents are embarrassing – but they're

NOTHING on this lot. These ten tales of the world's most spectacularly silly mums and deliriously daft dads will leave you rocking with laughter.

Pinch your nose for Peter Pong, the man with the stinkiest feet in the world... watch out for Monty Monopolize, the dad who takes all his kids' toys... and oh no, it's Supermum! Brandishing a toilet brush, a mop and a very bad homemade outfit...

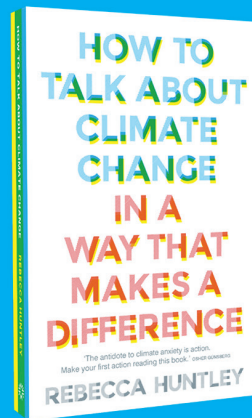
Age: 7+

THE INDEPENDENT BOOKSELLER'S MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS JULY

'The antidote to climate anxiety is action. Make your first action reading this book.' OSHER GÜNSBERG

'An essential guide to understanding ourselves and each other as we face the climate crisis.' KYLIE KWONG

'Powerfully reminded me of what is most at stake.' TIM COSTELLO



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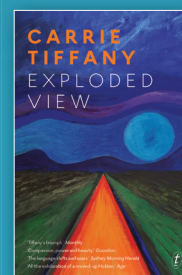
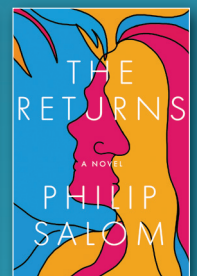
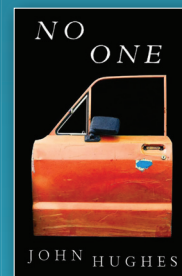
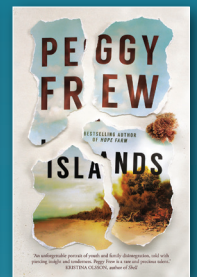
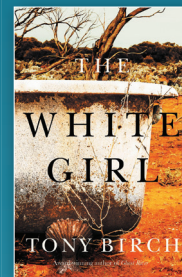
Hardback RRP \$17.99

Quokka did not like being cute. Not one bit. The romping, stomping, chomping tale of one stubbornly adorable marsupial.

From the quirky and celebrated author/illustrator of *Mopoke*, *Koalas Eat Gum Leaves* and *Kookaburras Love To Laugh*.



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- 3 **Dark Emu: Aboriginal Australia and the Birth of Agriculture** by Bruce Pascoe
- 4 **Where the Crawdads Sing** by Delia Owens
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- 8 **Hidden Hand** by Clive Hamilton & Mareike Ohlberg
- 9 **Bluey: All About Bluey (A Shaped Board Book)**
- 10 **Bluey: The Creek (A Board Book)**
- 11 **Fair Warning** by Michael Connelly
- 12 **Untamed: Stop pleasing, start living** by Glennon Doyle
- 13 **Bluey: All About Bingo (A Shaped Board Book)**
- 14 **Bluey: Big Backyard (A Colouring Book)**
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